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DRAFT ONLY.PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.SOUTH EAST OIL SUPPLIES

The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, said today oil company representatives had unanimously told him it would be utterly irresponsible to release petrol supplies to the general public in the south east at the moment.

They had requested the Government not to release supplies until there were adequate safeguards against a further emergency affecting the whole State.

But Mr. Dunstan said that - provided all went well - this might be possible next Monday.

Mr. Dunstan spoke after discussions with the industry, the Deputy Premier Mr. Corcoran, and the Mayor of Mount Gambier, Mr. ~~Gearty~~ <sup>Sealey</sup>.

He ~~was~~ said that he had spoken to the industry representatives about matters raised by the Mayor.

"I appreciate that supplies in the south east at present are good.

"But we must continue to ration them and to conserve as much as possible in case ~~of~~ a breakdown at the Adelaide refinery or delays in tanker arrivals means we have to draw on them to keep essential services going elsewhere in the State.

"The whole situation is being reviewed at a meeting on Monday morning.

"I have instructed my officers at that time to give specific consideration to the possible release of supplies for the south east.

"In the meantime I ask the people of the south east to bear with us during this difficult period, and to accept the fact that we may need their supplies to keep other ~~part~~ parts of the state running."